ASOUITH MOVES TO AVERT COAL STRIKE

British Cabinet Summons Mine Owners and Men to a Conference To-morrow.

NATIONAL DISASTER NEAR

Mountains of Coal Stored, but Industrial Paralysis Would Result From General Tieup.

Special Wireless Despatch to TRE SUN.
LONDON, via Glace Bay, Feb. 20.—The
Government announced to-night its decision to prevent the strike of miners which has been ordered to begin on March by an overwhelming vote of the colliers taken in the early part of last month. The intervention of the Government takes the form of an invitation from Premier Asquith to representatives of the mine owners and mine workers to meet him and his colleagues in the Cabinet on February 22.

The step was followed by a communicaorganized for the settlement of trades disputes ,advising them that the Government proposed to take immediate action to prevent what was designated as a national disaster.

All the negotiations between the owners and miners failed this afternoon and a inevitably result in Russian interference. special meeting of the Cabinet, which had been considering the matter for over two ecided that it was absolutely essary that the Government should take decided action. This was considered especially inecessary, as the miners showed signs of weakening and great ecoic disaster was impending.

erybody has been preparing for the Railways, factories and munici- vestors in foreign securities, has sent a hotels and householders have cable message to the American Govern-ing in for a month past extra supbeen laying in for a month past extra supplies of coal and the price had begun to ance rapidly. This action of the amers, while it was the only thing

among the poor would be great, and if ternal loan are applied to that bond ser-the strike lasted any length of time the vice in accordance with the terms of the shortage of coal would extend in all contract directions. Thus the autlook when the Cabinet met was that Great Britain was on the eve of the greatest labor strike ever known and one that would eventually tie up all commerce.

The Thames is crowded with barges discharging coal and there are mountainous supplies along the lines of the All Government employees the collieries have already begun to shut of any kind.

The first and only sign of a change of attitude on the part of the mine owners was announced to-night. The owners the Shilbottle colliery in Northumberland made an offer to concede the minimum wage demanded by the miners.

An international conference of miners has been called to meet in London tonorrow to consider the question of ordering a general strike throughout Europe.

ROYAL NURSE STRICKEN.

Duchess of Aosta Suffers From Work on Red Cross Ship.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. NAPLES, Feb. 20.—The Duchess of Aosta.

who is officially known as "Nurse No. 3 of the foreign Powers here have notified will give a good account of itself. the Naples Red Cross," has been taken to the Capodimonte palace suffering from ronchial catarrh and fever which she contracted while nursing sick and wounded soldiers on the hospital ship The condition of the Duchess, who

was one of the first to volunteer as a nurse after the opening of hostilities between Italy and Turkey, is not though to be serious, but it is wearing on her constitution.

King Victor Emanuel and Queen Elena visited the Duchess to-day.

PORTO RICO STEAMER IN STORM

Stewardess and Cook of the Philadelpts Hurt-Vessel a Day Late.

San Juan. P R., Feb. 20.—The Red D steanship Philadelphia, Capt. Hichborn, running between New York and San Juan. rrived here this morning twenty-four

The vessel went through a storm on February 15 which lasted for twentyfour hours. The stewardess, Mrs. Ridden was struck by one of the big waves which swept across the decks and had a

The cook was also seriously injured by a fall. Both have been taken to a local hospital.

TO SETTLE MOROCCO DISPUTE.

Spanish Members of Joint Commission Named Meeting, March 1.

MADRID. Feb. 20.—The three Spanish delegates on the joint Franco-Spanish ommission were appointed to-day They are the Marquis Cortuna and Senores Bauer and Angelo.

The commission will meet for the firs time on March 1. It is to be compose of six members, three Spanish and three French. It has been created as the result of the British suggestion that the dis pute over the collection of custom duties in the Spanish zone in Morocco be subnitted to arbitration

MILLION LOSS IN COTTON.

Thousands of Bales Owned in Japan

Burned at Bombay. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN.
BOMBAY, Feb. 20. Many thousand bales f cotton were burned here to-day. The will reach \$1,000,000. Most of the cotton was owned by the Japanese Trading Company.

Carnival in Madrid

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN. MADRID. Feb. 20.—The carnival here was in full swing to-day. Members of he royal family contributed eight prizes for the best decorated cars in the proceseion, which went from the Columbu statue to the Plaza Castelar.

Relief for Spanish Flood Sufferers.

MADRID, Feb. 20.—The Cabin et has passed a resolution to grant 1,250,000 pesetas, or about \$610,000, to the people the flooded districts. The money will te distributed through the medium of the provincial committees.

Second **Annual Exhibition Paintings**

OLD MASTERS

V. G. Fischer Art Galleries 467 Fifth Avenue (Opposite the Public Library, New York Exhibition Extended until March 1st.

Adm asion by Card LI CHINA'S VICEP-RESIDENT.

Yuan Visits Diplomats in Hopeful Mood Trouble in Manchuria.

Special Cable Despatches to THE SUN NANKIN, Feb. 20.-The National Assembly elected to-day Gen. Li Yuen Hung. who was the commander of the revolutionary army at the time of the outbreak at Wu-chang. Vice-President of the

Chinese republic.
PEKIN, Feb. 20.—President Yuan Shih Kai of the Chinese Republic visited the American and other Ministers to-day to thank them for their congratulations on his election. He was in high spirits tion to the Industrial Council, a body and enthusiastic over the improved conditions in the interior of the country.

especially in the province of Sze-chuan. Oh the other hand the news from Manchuria is discouraging. There have been disturbances at Harbin, Fuchiatan,

PUT IT UP TO U. S. London Foreign Bondholders Want Nic-

aragua Customs Revenue. Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN LONDON, Feb. 20.-The Council of For eign Bondholders, an organization which ooks after the interests of British in-

Government of Nicaragua. The cable despatch says that in view of the fact that the Nicaraguan customs are for them to do, seemed to encourage the miners, as it showed them that a general approved by the United States the Nicscare was on, and it was thought by many araguan bondholders rely on the good of them that it would force the owners offices of the American Government to shown to passenger trains by the insurinsure that the revenues which are prefer-The weather is mild, but the suffering entially pledged to the holders of the ex-

APACHES DISTURB CARNIVAL.

Save Day of Pleasure.

Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN Paris, Feb. 20.-The usual Shrove Tuesday carnival to-night was a great Thousands of people were in success. have been exhorted to exercise the great- the streets all night. The weather was est economy in the use of coal. Some of beautiful and there was no disturbance

The people enjoyed themselves in battling with confetti when a mob of apaches crept in and tried to start a riot. Prefect Lepine's dreaded Black Legion were waiting for them, however, and proved equal to the occasion. They drove many of the roughs out of

the city and made 300 prisoner TROUBLESOME TURKEY.

Macedonian Reform Committee Starts -Crete Flouts Consuls.

Special Cable Despat hes to THY SUN CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 20.-The Macedonian and Albanian Reform Commission has left here for those two regions. CANEA, Crete, Feb. 20.—The Consuls

the Cretan Government that the Pow demand punishment for those who committed the Moslem murders.

As a result of this the Government has decided to sever relations with the Consuls

NEGROES ATTACK WOMAN.

Fracture Skull and Rob Apartment

-Seared Off By Husband. Watson, a salesman, of 318 West 135th ers is growing less secure in Mexico each street, opened the door early this morning day and foreigners are becoming less to find two negroes in the hall. One of them struck her on the head with a blackjack and the two ransacked the apart-

Mr. Watson came home and found his wife unconscious on the floor. The negroes, hearing him enter, ran down the fire escape in the rear and escaped. Watson was treated by an ambulance surgeon for a fractured skull.

BETTER JOB FOR CONNELL. Bronx Road Builder to Head Philadel-

phia's Bureau of Highways.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 20.-William Benson's resignation as chief of th Bureau of Highways was announced to-day by Morris L. Cooke, Director of the Department of Public Works. At the same time Director Cooke announced the appointment of William H. Connell, Assistant Commissioner of Public Works in the Borough of The Bronx, New York,

Benson's successor. Connell, although only 33 years old. has acquired a reputation as a road builde and highway expert and was chosen upon the recommendation of the foremost engineers in that line of work in the country. The salary of his present position in New York is \$4,000 a year. He will receive \$6,000 as chief of the highway bureau and will assume his duties on March 1 upon the retirement of Chief. March 1 upon the retirement of Chief

INSTALLED AS PASTOR.

The Rev. W. W. Ketchum Inducted at Bloomingdale Reformed Church.

The Rev. William Wallace Ketchum was installed as pastor of Bloomingdele Reformed Church, Bloomingdale Square and West End avenue, last night by representatives of the classis of New York. The president, the Rev. James Palmer, presided, and the Rev. Dr. Edgar Tilton, Jr., of the Harlem Collegiate Church, preached the sermon. Charges were given by the Rev. Dr. Wilbert W. White of the Bible Teachers Training School and the Rev. Dr. John G. Fagg of Middle Collegiate Church. Many Reformed Church people not members of Blooming-ale attended.

New Warrant for Australian Mack. John MacNamara, Australian Mack. who is wanted in New Westminster, B. C. for the theft of \$375,000 in cash and se-curities from the branch of the Bank of three day fight, and the defeat of Vascurities from the branch of the Bank of Montreal had a hearing before Commissioner Shields yesterday. Donald Fergusioner Shields yesterday. Donald Fergusioner Shields yesterday. Donald Fergusioner Shields respected to day over Federal wires to said that on the morning of September 15, when the bank was robbed, he saw MacNamara cranking an automobile which had been stolen from the garage of the control of the regions less disturbed.

Thomas J. Trapp. In this machine the thieves got away with their loot. Commissioner Shields reserved decision on the question of extradition and issued a new warrant, on which MacNamara was arrested charged with stealing the Trapp automobile.

These facts, which became known to the State Department to day and were understood to have been laid before the Cabinet meeting. The State Department to the State Department t

MADERISTS WINNING

Bold Charges and Heavy Artillery Fire Mark Engagement at Cuernavaca.

AN ANTI-AMERICAN SHRIEK

Massacre and Destruction of Property Threatened-English Ranch Is Looted.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 20.—The battle between the Federals and rebels at Cuernavaca was resumed this morning. The rebels decided to push their artillery up to the base of Horseshoe Hill. They directed their fire at the right wing of the Federals, killing twenty and wounding eighteen. The rurales under Col. Lugo charged terrifically and brought the

Federal position up to the first trenches. There was the hardest fighting yes-terday in the blackened ruins of Santa Maria. There were scores of bodies to-day, mostly those of rebels, on the side of Cruz de Pierda. The hill was ploughed by shells and dozens of bodies were lying on the ground up and down the slope. The trees on the side of the hill were cut down almost to stumps by rifle balls. A conservative estimate of the rebel dead is 200, including those executed afterward, and seventy-five Federals.

The battle was suspended at 6 o'clock both sides being weary. The Federals are jubilant over the work of the day. Reenforcements are hurrying to press the advantage that was gained. There is no chance of the rebels winning the battle. There were two Federal captains and three sergeants killed in the fighting against the right wing.

It is not known who the rebel leader is but he is making a desperate fight. News from Vera Cruz is to the effect that the revolt is spreading in the rural districts. There has been no great damage done as yet, but the railroad company is beginning to object to the attention

A commission is making a hasty attempt to pacify the Maya Indians.

The Cabinet met here this morning. was decided not to molest the press by the uspension of its liberties, but to enforce the present laws. It was also decided to postpone the conscription which was scheduled for March 1. The question of suspension of guarantees in the whole epublic is to be left to a permanent commission to decide upon during less troubulous times.

SAN LUIS POTOSI, Mexico, Feb. 20. Strong anti-American feeling has been aroused among the Mexicans here by the publication of the following in the newspaper Moticia of this city:

"Telegrams received by us from foreign ountries are to the effect that Taft has ordered Yankee troops to the Rio Grande o protect American interests in view of he fact that the turbulent situation in Mexico appears to be beyond our control. At the least peril to American interests

they are to cross the river.
"Poor, poor country! It is no enough that we should be troubled with civil wars, inspired by ambition of some and the foolishness of others, but the menace of intervention should ever hang over us. Though the soldiers of the Yankees be a hundred to one against the men j of our country that does not bear on the matter. The patriotism of our country

number may win, but it is more probable that they come forth bloody if not de feated. If they do come let us not fear At the first sign of intervention we will destroy every American interest in our beautiful, adorable country and slay all Americans found in Mexico. Never

as long as there is a true Mexican shall we submit to this shame.

patient as the outrages of Mexican rebels continue to grow in recklessness. Today the rebels in Sonora raided the prop erty of a big English corporation, the Sonora Mexico Land and Timber Company, Ltd., and drove off much of the live stock, besides threatening to kill the American foreman and stealing saddles and firearms. The manager, J. Thompson Tighe, despatched cable messages and telegrams to the British, Mexican and American Governments demanding proection and declaring he and his men would resist further raids with their firearns The text of the despatches follows

To the British Ambassador at Washing-Band of Mexican rebels stuck up our Nogales ranch to-day, robbing it of horses and saddlery and holding our employees under close arrest. This is British property of great size and value: therefore we ask you to make immediate and proper representation and demand protection for

us. Our situation is Yzabal, Sonora. Kindly report to United States Govern-ment that rebels placed under close arrest one of our employees, who is an American, threatening him with death. To the British Government, London. Band of rebels surrounded Nogales

employees, threatened one with death, at-tempted similar things here, but I declined o part with anything. I make immediate representation to the British Government

Have cabled the British Ambassador at Washington. My men are now armed, and I intend to hold this place unless greatly

To Hugo Scherer & Co., Mexico City: Our Nogales ranch stuck up, rebels pro-claiming Gomez president. They robbed it of all horses and saddlery there. One American employee was threatened with death. Please demand from the Government in the name of Great Britain and ership of this property immediate protection in the shape of soldiers from fron-tier or Cananea, as other bands of rebels to the number of 250 are in the vicinity.

Leaders representing the rebels south of Juarez are gathering in Juarez at the request of the State authorities to discuss peace terms for the disturbed regions. Aside from confirmation of the defeat

three day fight, and the defeat of Vas-

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KNOX DECIDES NOT TO VISIT COLOMBIA

Mrs. Mary Watson, the wife of Edward | El Paso, Feb. 20.—Property of foreign- | Believes That Minister Ospina's

mitting the Panama Grievance to The Hague.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20. - Secretary of State Knox will not visit Colombia even if specially invited by the Colombian Govnment This is the conclusion reached after a careful consideration by United States officials of the action of Seño Ospina, the Colombian Minister in Washington, in sending a note to acting Sec retary of State Wilson suggesting that secretary Knox should not visit Colom-

bia at this time. While it has been decided to cut Colombia off the official visiting list for Secrerefuse to dignify the incident by any official action.

It was learned to-day that the Colomhis home Government the note of February 13 from acting Secretary of State Wilson, also promptly wired to his Government the substance of the Wilson note. which informed Colombia that Secretary Knox might visit Cartagena. This cable despatch was sent by the Colombian Minister on the night of February 1. and it is the besief here that an answer was received by him either outlining what action the Minister should take or approving a form of reply suggested by

from his Government before he delivered his extraordinary reply to the State Department last Friday, it is firmly believed here that word from Colombia had come to his hand before he sent the document broadcast for publication last of Zapatists near Cuarnavaca after a late as Sunday morning. Several hun-

time communicated directly with the State Department. The text of the Cspina note was cabled ommunicated directly with the

TO VISIT COLOMBIA

The situation between the United States and the Republic of Colombia resulting from Minister Ospina's note has greatly increased interest in the hearings being held by the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House on the Rainey resolution urging the submission to The Hague of the dispute regarding the Panama Canal strip.

Some members of the committee feel that, whatever may be the merits of the claims of Colombia of ill treatment at the hands of this Government, it might be disastrous to submit the dispute to The Hague, in view of the possibility of enormous money indemnity that might be assessed against the United States.

Hearings on the Rainey resolution

Hearings on the Rainey resolution were continued to day and Henry W. Hall, representing a New York newspaper, continued to sum up the evidence in the case as tending to prove that President Roosevelt grabbed the canal strip from Colombia in violation of specific treaty obligations and also arranged for the revolution that resulted in the creation of the republic of Panama from Colombian

LAURIER PICKS SUCCESSOR.

Canadian Conservatives Charged With

Bad Faith in Graham Contest. OTTAWA, Feb. 20 .-- A red hot campaign, to end in a by-election on Thursday, is tary Knox's Central and South Ameri- being carried on in the constituency of can trip, no attempt will be made by this South Renfrew, Ontario, to fill the va-Government to bring about the recall of cancy in the Parliament caused by the senor Ospina. The United States will resignation of T. A. Low, a Liberal. in December under an agreement between the Conservative and Liberal organizations. The deal was that a Conservative bian Minister, in addition to mailing to was to be returned by acclamation to the Ontario Legislature, and the Hon. George P. Graham, who was Minister of Railways the Ways and Means chairman, acknowlin the late Laurier Government, was to edged to-day that the committee had been be returned by acclamation to the House of Commons. Mr. Graham was defeated in his constituency of Brocykille, Ont., at the September election.

at the September election.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier has reserved a sea at his side in the House of Commons, waiting for the time when a constituency could be found for Mr. Graham, upon whom he plans to let his mantle fall. After the Conservatives got their man, McGarry, into the Ontario House their organization repudiated the written agree.

campaign.
Sir Wilfrid has jumped into the campaign with the aid of his old ministers and lieutenants. Mr. Borden's ministers are fighting Graham. The Liberals are Sunday. The Ospina letter, it develops, was put in the hands of a printer last Saturday and was corrected in proof as late as Sunday morning. Several hundred copies were printed and mailed to members of the Congress press galleries.

denouncing the Conservatives for breach of faith. Heads are being punched, halls are being hired by one side to the exclusion of the other and open air meetings are being held. Hockey, the national open way to the scrimmage and feeling over the situation runs high in Parliament.

At present the consumer.

At present the proposal to put sugar on the free list and raise the revenue thus lost through greatly increased rates on silk stockings, silks and satins and other things of this sort used by the wealthy seems to be most popular. ouncing the Conservatives for br

PROPOSE TO MAKE RAW SUGAR FREE

Democrats, Unable to Agree on Tariff Cut, May Take Off the Duty.

HOW TO RAISE \$53,000,000

Tax on Refined Product or Heavy Tariff on Luxuries Is the Alternative.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Being unable to agree on a bill revising the sugar schedule of the Payne-Aldrich tariff law, the Demorats of the House Ways and Means committee are now considering the wisdom of putting sugar on the free list and raising the \$53,000,000 of revenue that would be lost thereby either through an

Representative Underwood of Alabama

unable to agree on the sugar schedule "Doubtless," he said, "we will get together and report a bill within the next

in favor of cutting in half the present rate of \$1.68 per 100 pounds on raw sugar McCiarry, into the Ontario House their organization repudiated the written agreement with the Liberals. It nominaed a candidate to oppose Graham and precipitated an unusually bitter by-election sugar. This would really be an internal means of a "consumers' tax" on refined sugar. This would really be an internal revenue tax paid directly by the manufacturers of refined sugar and indirectly, other members of the committee say, by the consumer.

wealthy seems to be most popular.

Debate on the Underwood bill proposing a revision of the chemical schedule of the Payne-Aldrich law was concluded in the House to-night. The measure will be passed to-morrow and hurried to the Senate. Then the Senate will have in its possession two Democratic tariff meas-MUNICH, Feb. 20.—The aviator Rentzel ures, the iron and steel revision bill having been sent to it several days ago. The next tariff bill to be taken up in the

sugar schedule. Not for many years have tariff bills been passed in the House as rapidly as they are nowadays. The chemical bill was brought up yesterday and with its passage to-morrow less than twelve hours will have been devoted to debate

To-day's debate on the chemical bill was rollicking. Representative Mann of Illinois, the Republican leader, attacked the measure, but realizing that he was outvoted he offered his amendments with an air that seemed to imply that he did not care what happened.

Representative Mann tried to induce the Democrats to place pepper, oils, ingredients of toilet soaps and varnish, orange, lime and lemon juice and indigo on the free list. He worked himself into great excitement over indigo.

"This is an edifying spectacle," he said.
"Indigo on the dutiable list. Just think of it! The product used by the washerwomen of the country in blueing their clothes subjected to a customs duty!"

BLANCHE RING GETS GEMS BACK

Part of \$3,000 Worth Stolen at Scrantor Pa., Recovered in Boston. Boston, Feb. 20.-Blanche Ring has

been without some of her jewelry ever would be lost thereby either through an internal revenue tax on the refined product or through the imposition of extremely heavy duties on silk stockings and other luxuries.

This question will be discussed on Saturday by the committee, when Representative Hardwick of Georgia, chairman of the special committee which has just made its report after a long investigation of the activities of the so-called sugar trust, will appear to argue that sugar be put on the free list and that one or the other of the alternatives mentioned be adopted.

since the 4th of last October, when she dined at Casey's Hottel at Scranton, Pa.

Through the efforts of the police the actress is going to have two diamond bar pin, at valuable ring and a diamond bar pin the force partakin

coon—also a negro—disappeared, and the police got busy.

Coon was arrested in Pittsburg several days ago and told the police that Marie was in Boston. A searching party found her to-night and she was arrested. The above mentioned jewelry was recovered from her person.

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